

STATE OF WISCONSIN Division of Hearings and Appeals

In the Matter of

DECISION

MSI/172705

PRELIMINARY RECITALS

Pursuant to a petition filed March 08, 2016, under Wis. Stat. § 49.45(5), and Wis. Admin. Code § HA 3.03, to review a decision by the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability in regard to Medical Assistance (MA), a hearing was held on April 12, 2016, at Neillsville, Wisconsin.

The issue for determination is whether the Department erred in its termination of MA due to incarceration.

There appeared at that time and place the following persons:

PARTIES IN INTEREST:
Petitioner:
Petitioner's Representative:

Respondent:

Department of Health Services 1 West Wilson Street, Room 651 Madison, Wisconsin 53703

By: (written submission)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

John P. Tedesco Division of Hearings and Appeals

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioner is a resident of Clark County.
- 2. Petitioner was placed in non-payment status with the federal Social Security Administration relating to SSI benefits effective January 2016 due to incarceration.
- 3. The Department ceased payment of the state supplement and medical assistance benefits.

4. Petitioner appealed.

DISCUSSION

Anyone who receives SSI benefits is entitled to receive medical assistance as "categorically needy" under Wis. Stat. § 49.46(1)(a)4. The petitioner was disabled and received SSI payments along with medical assistance. When the federal government notified the state that it was ending the petitioner's federal SSI payments, the state ended his state MA. Petitioner's mother testified on his behalf. She stated that his only argument is that he did not do this on purpose. She wanted to set the record straight and to make arrangement to pay back any overpayment. Petitioner's mother made no argument that the termination due to incarceration was improper.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Department did not err in determining that the MA should be terminated.

THEREFORE, it is

ORDERED

That this appeal is dismissed.

REQUEST FOR A REHEARING

You may request a rehearing if you think this decision is based on a serious mistake in the facts or the law or if you have found new evidence that would change the decision. Your request must be **received** within 20 days after the date of this decision. Late requests cannot be granted.

Send your request for rehearing in writing to the Division of Hearings and Appeals, 5005 University Avenue, Suite 201, Madison, WI 53705-5400 **and** to those identified in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST." Your rehearing request must explain what mistake the Administrative Law Judge made and why it is important or you must describe your new evidence and explain why you did not have it at your first hearing. If your request does not explain these things, it will be denied.

The process for requesting a rehearing may be found at Wis. Stat. § 227.49. A copy of the statutes may be found online or at your local library or courthouse.

APPEAL TO COURT

You may also appeal this decision to Circuit Court in the county where you live. Appeals must be filed with the Court **and** served either personally or by certified mail on the Secretary of the Department of Health Services, 1 West Wilson Street, Room 651, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, **and** on those identified in this decision as "PARTIES IN INTEREST" **no more than 30 days after the date of this decision** or 30 days after a denial of a timely rehearing (if you request one).

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The process for Circuit Court Appeals may be found at Wis. Stat. §§ 227.52 and 227.53. A copy of the statutes may be found online or at your local library or courthouse.

Given under my hand at the City of Madison, Wisconsin, this 23rd day of May, 2016

\sJohn P. Tedesco Administrative Law Judge Division of Hearings and Appeals



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The preceding decision was sent to the following parties on May 23, 2016.

Division of Health Care Access and Accountability State SSI